

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,894,476 to Wyse et al. (“Wyse”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,686,812 to Gilbert et al. (“Gilbert”); claims 3 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Wyse in view of Gilbert as applied to claims 2 and 8, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,466,463 to Morita (“Morita”); claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Wyse in view of Gilbert and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,873,608 to Plotnik et al. (“Plotnik”); claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Wyse in view of Gilbert as applied to claims 2 and 8, and further in view of Plotnik as applied to claim 14 and further in view of Morita.

Examiner has indicated that claims 4-6, 10-12, and 16-18 are objected to and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has canceled claims 1-3, 7-9, and 13-15 in this Response. Claims 5, 11 and 17 have been amended. Claims 4, 10, and 16 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claims and intervening claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued. Should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 512-338-9100.

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